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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**Title:** Yeast Protein Expression Secretion System

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE FILED UNDER 37 C. F. R. §1.116**

(RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTIONAL MAILED June 19, 2008)

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination and a petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time. This amendment is responsive to the Final Office action, dated June 19, 2008, for which a one-month period for response was given, making this response due on or before

October 18, 2008. Since October 19, 2008 falls on Sunday, the response to the final Office action is due on the next business day (Monday 20, 2008). Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Claims 1-36 are pending in the application. Claims 12-22 and 29-36 have been previously withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner as drawn to the non-elected invention. Applicants specifically reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications to the non-elected subject matter.

In the most recent Office action mailed on June 19, 2008, Examiner has rejected Claims 1-11 and 23-28 under 35 USC 103(a). The applicants submit the following amendments to address the Examiner's rejection and to further particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention.

Claims 1-11 and 23-28 have been amended. Support for the amendment can be found in the present application. Accordingly, no question of new matter should arise, and entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

**Amendment to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.